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NOTE FOR:

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SUBJECT : DCI/DDCI Breakfast with Secretary of
Defense

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Attached is a background note on the question
of C³I membership on NFIB or NFIC.

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Attachment

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The DCI directive on the National Foreign Intelligence Board specifies the membership as senior representatives of Intelligence Community organizations involved mainly in the collection, processing, and analysis of intelligence. In keeping with the responsibility of the Board to advise the DCI on the substantive aspects of national intelligence, the members are listed by title.

Because of the Board's primary responsibility to advise the DCI on the production of national foreign intelligence, there is no appropriate role for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. This office has policy responsibilities, as do other offices which are represented on the Council, but not on the Board. These are the senior representatives of the Attorney General, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. None of them has analytical capabilities.

The DCI directive on the National Foreign Intelligence Council specifies the membership by title to advise the DCI on national intelligence issues, other than the substantive aspects which are the responsibility of the Board. The membership includes a senior representative of the Secretary of Defense.

Both directives were approved by the DCI on 28 January 1982 after consultation with the NFIB and NFIC principals.

The Council's primary role is to advise the DCI on priorities and objectives for the National Foreign Intelligence Program and budget. The senior representative of the Secretary of Defense has been the

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. The Secretary of Defense may designate another representative if he sees fit, but it is hard to see how the DCI or the Secretary of Defense will be better served by a proliferation of advisors speaking for the same senior official.